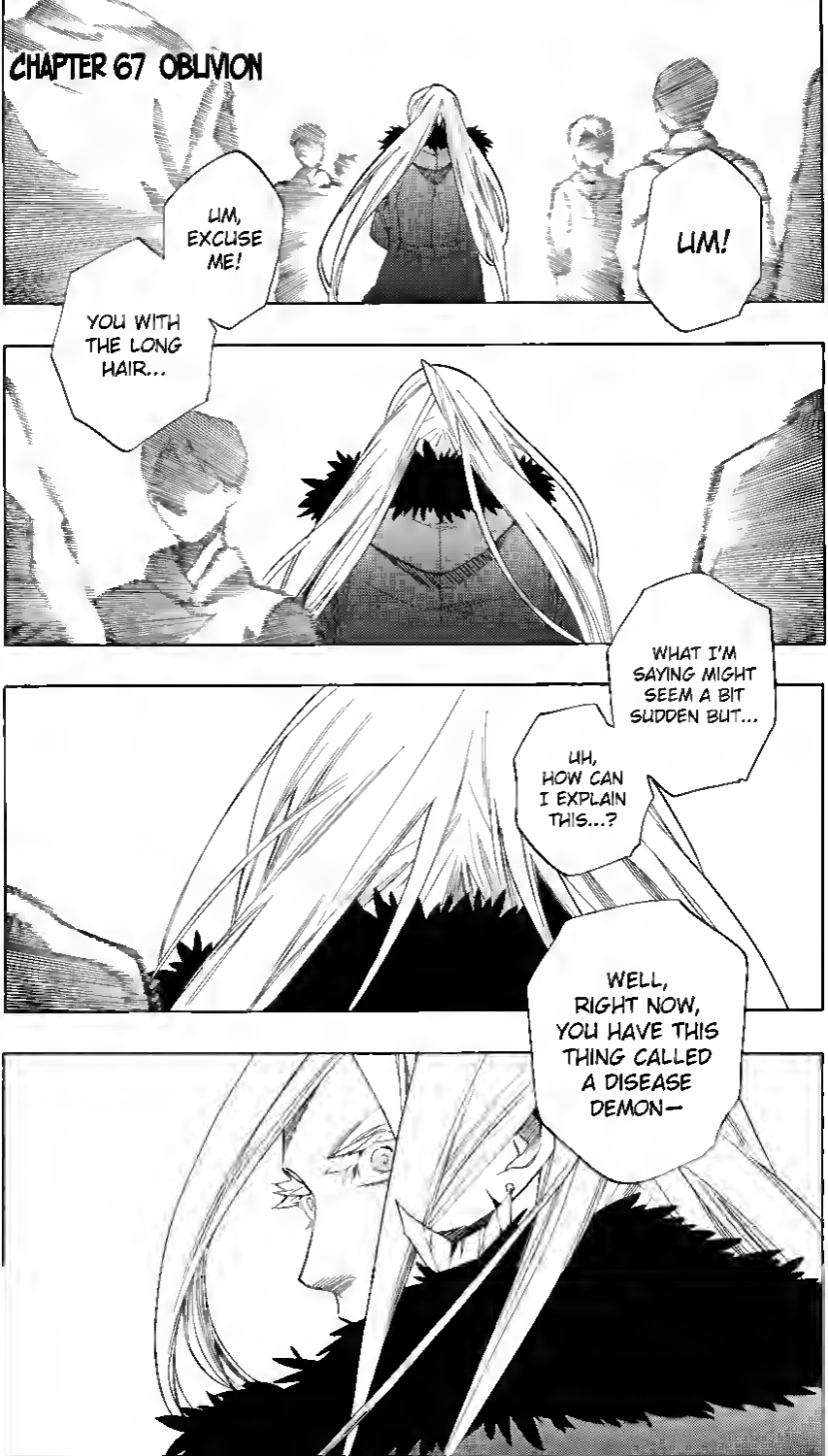
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UM!
UM, EXCUSE ME!
YOU WITH THE LONG HAIR...
WHAT I'M SAYING MIGHT SEEM A BIT SUDDEN BUT...
UH, HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS...?
WELL, RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE THIS THING CALLED A DISEASE DEMON—

THANK GOODNESS PLEASE LISTEN TO ME.
...
HUH?
OH...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

UM... HAVE WE MET BEFORE...?
...?
YOU... CAN'T BE...

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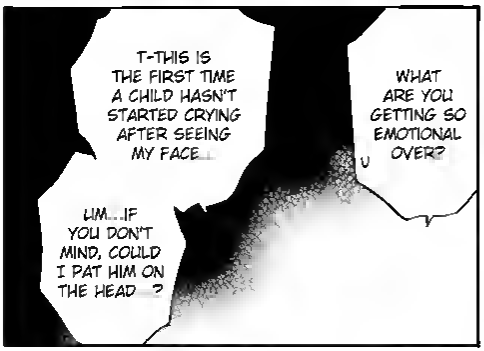
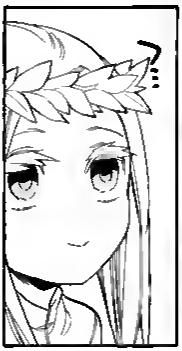
We haven't seen each other in over ten years. That's understandable.
You look the same as you always have so I knew it was you right away.
IS THAT YOU, MARIYA?
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS YOU AT ALL...

Is that Itsuhito?


T-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A CHILD HASN'T STARTED CRYING AFTER SEEING MY FACE...
UM...IF YOU DON'T MIND, COULD I PAT HIM ON THE HEAD...?
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO EMOTIONAL OVER?



HELLO THERE.

I'VE GOT SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT.
WE'RE JUST STANDING AROUND TALKING SO LET'S GO IN SOMEWEHRE.
YES, SOMEPLACE WITH A TOILET WOULD BE GOOD.

STAYDUCKS COFFEE

MARIYA.
To be honest, I just got finished drinking tea at a family restaurant a little while ago.
Sorry to keep you waiting.
...
WHY DO YOU THINK SO?
THIS MIGHT BE SUDDEN BUT..
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT'S TROUBLING YOU?
REALLY...
BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, YOU LOOK THE SAME AS YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE BEING EATEN AWAY BY A DISEASE DEMON.
YOU SAW ME BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL SO YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT A DISEASE DEMON IS.
THERE'S THE PRESENCE OF A DISEASE DEMON
COMING OFF OF YOU AND THAT CHILD.

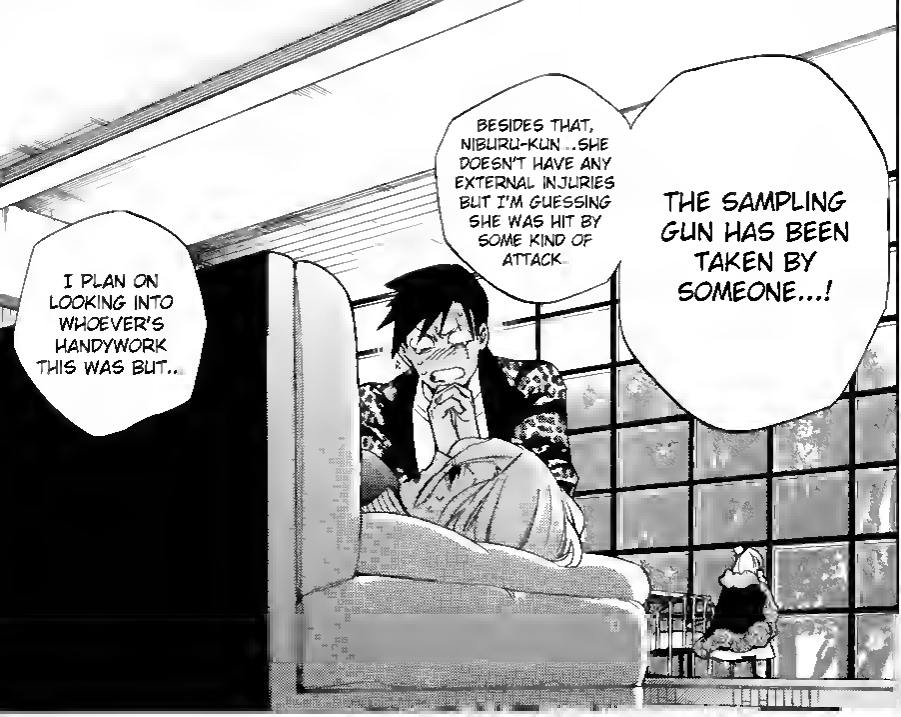
I CAN FIND OUT IF SOMEONE IS SUFFERING FROM A DISEASE DEMON.
IS THAT SO...
DAMN IT...
WITH THE POWER FROM THAT TIME, I'VE GOTTEN TO WHERE I CAN KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL.
BACK THEN IT TO JUST AT MY OWN THINK...
I'VE BECOME AWARE OF HOW TO PUT THIS POWER TO PRACTICAL USE.
MY DISEASE DEMON REACTS TO MAJOR EMOTIONS IN PEOPLE... I CAN DISCOVER PEOPLE
MY DISEASE DEMON CAN ALSO EAT THE EMO FROM THOSE PEOPLE.
EVEN THOSE TWO WOULD "CATCH" ON...
THAT'S WHY, MARIYA, IF THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, YOU CAN RELY ON ME.
I COULD HELP YOU.

OHHH..
I'M SORRY... THIS IS PROBABLY BORING TO HIM...
Sorry....
He's started to fuss a little bit...
There, there, hang on just a moment...
!
HMM?
ITSUHITO... IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ANOTHER PERSON WHOM I SHOULD SAVE.
BUT... YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU HAVE THE SAME SENSE OF JUSTICE AS YOU ALWAYS DID
WELL..
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY.
HUH?
...
OBLIVION.

SIR!
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG?
...?!
HE'S JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED, IS ALL.
AH, HE'LL BE FINE.
MM, NOTHING MUCH. I THOUGHT I'D GO AHEAD AND TELL YOU.
"OBLIVION"... IS THE NAME OF MY DISEASE DEMON.
MARIYA...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
!

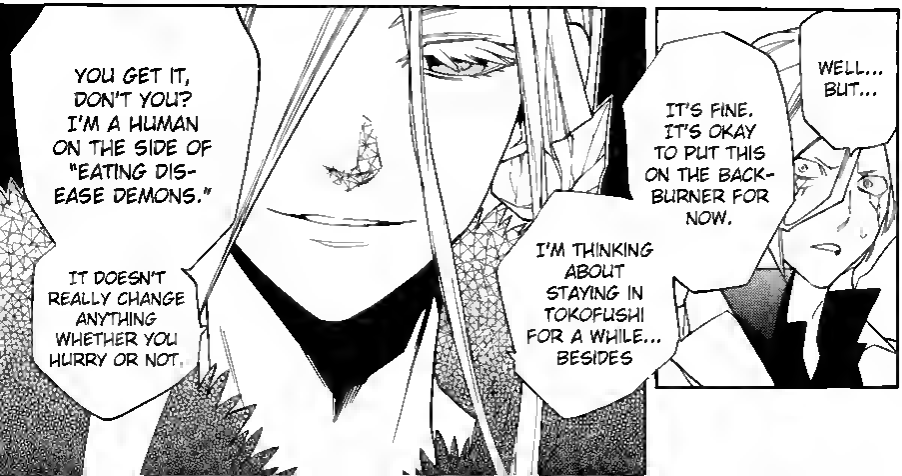
TS/N BOOM HEADSHOT

HMM? ISN'T THAT YOURS?
GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE CALL, I DON'T MIND.
DON'T HESITATE ON MY ACCOUNT. I'M FINE WITH A PHONE CALL.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
BUT YOU—
UM... I APOLOGIZE BUT RIGHT NOW I'M BUSY—
MITOGAWA-SENSEI?
ITSUKITO-KUN?
I'M SORRY BUT COULD YOU COME OVER TO YGGDRASILL?


THE SAMPLING GUN HAS BEEN TAKEN BY SOMEONE...!
BESIDES THAT, NIBURU-KUN...SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY EXTERNAL INJURIES BUT I'M GUESSING SHE WAS HIT BY SOME KIND OF ATTACK.
I PLAN ON LOOKING INTO WHOEVER'S HANDYWORK THIS WAS BUT...

URGENT BUSINESS?
YOU DON'T LOOK TOO WELL...
AHH...!

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING HERE! HURRY UP AND COME ON!
NO WAY... FOR WHAT REASON...?
THE SAMPLING GUN...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
I NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS.


YOU GET IT, DON'T YOU? I'M A HUMAN ON THE SIDE OF "EATING DISEASE DEMONS."
IT DOESN'T REALLY CHANGE ANYTHING WHETHER YOU HURRY OR NOT.
I'M THINKING ABOUT STAYING IN TOKOFUSHI FOR A WHILE... BESIDES
IT'S FINE. IT'S OKAY TO PUT THIS ON THE BACK-BURNER FOR NOW.
WELL... BUT...

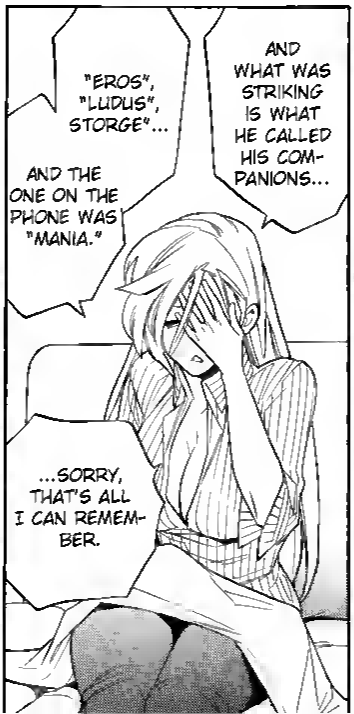
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT AND GET GOING.
ITSUHITO...!
AND CONGRATULATIONS.
TODAY IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL ACT LIKE A TROUBLED, RIGHTEOUS HERO.
LITTLE BY LITTLE... IT'LL EVENTUALLY COME TOGETHER PERFECTLY.
Yggdrasill

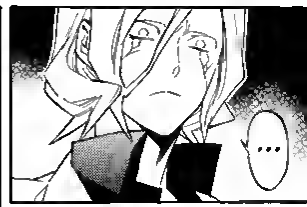
NIBURU, I'M SO SORRY...!
IT'S BECAUSE I WENT TO SEE THE OLD MAN ON TODAY OF ALL DAYS...
I LEFT YOU ALL ALONE...!
ARE YOU STILL FEELING BAD?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
...
PACKING TAPE
ペタ...
ARE YOU ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT?
YES, I'M FINE NOW...
I'M SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU...
...
LET'S SEE...

HE TOOK THE GUN...
HE WAS PRETENDING TO BE A CUSTOMER... AND SINCE IT SEEMED LIKE HE'D CAUGHT A DISEASE DEMON, I TRIED TO START "TREATMENT" IN THE BACK ROOM BUT...
AT FIRST, IT WAS A YOUNG MAN THAT CAME IN.

IT'S POSSIBLE HE'S A KAKARITO.
AND I BELIEVE THE TWO THAT SHOWED UP LATER ARE FRIENDS OF HIS.
THIS TIME, I WAS ATTACKED.
IT'S PATHETIC... I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON WHILE IT HAPPENING.

HMM..
WELL, THERE'S AT LEAST THREE MORE OF THEM.
MMMPFF? (HOW SO?)


"EROS", "LUDUS", STORGE"...
AND WHAT WAS STRIKING IS WHAT HE CALLED HIS COMPANIONS...
AND THE ONE ON THE PHONE WAS "MANIA."
...SORRY, THAT'S ALL I CAN REMEMBER.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WHAT'S WRONG, ITSUHITO-KUN? YOU'RE AWFUL QUIET.
IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
HUH?
OH NO, NOT REALLY... PLEASE CONTINUE.

THERE'S A THEORY THAT THE "LOVE STYLES" OF HUMANS ARE DIVIDED INTO SIX CATEGORIES.
THIS MIGHT BE A STRETCH...
"EROS", "LUDUS", "STORGE", "MANIA", "PRAGMA"
AND "AGAPE."
THERE'S A POSSIBLITY THAT THAT MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH THEIR PURPOSES AND THEIR ROLES.
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Owwww!
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I GUESS CALLING OUT THE CHICK WHO WAS WATCHING THE PLACE WAS ASKING TOO MUCH!
HUUUH? SHUT UP!
PRAGMA, YOU CAN'T DRIVE FOR SHIT!
SWITCH WITH STORGE!
I HOPE HE ISN'T HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT HIS FOLLOWERS.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT THERE'D BE SUCH A BIG LOAD.
I'M SORRY, SISTER PRAGMA.
SNIFF... IT'S GETTING ALL RED... I'M GONNA GET MANIA TO RUB IT LATER...
WE'RE GIVING UP ON THE MEETING FOR NOW.
IT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS BEING WITH YOU GUYS BUT I DON'T WANT US LOSING SIGHT OF OUR CORE OBJECTIVE HERE.
ALL OF THESE ARE DISEASE DEMONS?
BUT THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM
SEEMS LIKE IT.

...
ALL OF THE "NORMALCY" THAT RUNS RAMPANT IN THIS WORLD IS NOT A GOOD THING.
HUMANS LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR DESIRES! THAT MAKES LIFE INTERESTING!
WHAT A WASTE... I WONDER WHY EVERYONE WANTS THESE REMOVED.
SO ANNOYING.
STORGE, ARE YOU ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT?
HE SEEMS TO LIKE IT LIKES IT
LET'S HAVE FAITH...
THAT GIVING OVER TO DISEASE DEMONS AND DESTROYING "NORMALCY" WILL SAVE PEOPLE.
THEY ALL FEAR THOSE DIFFERENT FROM THEM AND THEY BELIEVE THAT PRETENDING TO BE "NORMAL" IS WHAT'S RIGHT.
WELL...
I DON'T CARE AS LONG AS I CAN ENJOY THE HERE AND NOW.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD EVERYONE TOGETHER.

YOU'VE ALL DONE WELL.
FIRST OFF, LET'S CELEBRATE THIS MEETING.

SORRY, SORRY!
HE'S AS FLIGHTY AS ALWAYS.
Cudus isn't here.
HUH?
SO I'M A LITTLE LATE!
I HAD TO GO CATCH THIS CHICK...
SINCE THOSE BOTTLES HAVE DISEASE DEMONS PUT INSIDE THEM.
I CAME UP WITH SOMETHING INTERESTING
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE HER FOR?
HUH? I DON'T GET IT
THIS?
THEN... WITH THIS BOTTLE... LIKE THIS?
MANIA, YOU'VE GOT THE GUN OVER BY YOU, RIGHT?
HAND IT OVER HERE, WILL YA?
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S IT!
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE LOADED ONE OF THE BOTTLES INTO THE GUN
AND SHOT IT INTO HER HEAD?

HMM!
WHEN YOU SHOOT IT, THERE'S A SLIGHT SHOCK.
I SEE... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS.

EVEN SO...
"THOUGHT FORMS" THAT SEAL DISEASE DEMONS, HUH.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IT REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY.
IT DISAPPEARED...
IS IT BECAUSE LUDUS IS A KAKARITO?
If you're gonna do that, say so!
You scared me!
!!
LUDUS.
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD SO I'LL TELL YOU.
OUR OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO PLAY AROUND WITH PEOPLE.
IT IS TO SAVE PEOPLE.
WE WILL RELEASE DISEASE DEMONS FROM PEOPLE.. AND RELEASE THEM FROM THE CHAINS OF "COMMON SENSE" THAT RUN RAMPANT IN THIS BIASED SYSTEM
ANYONE WILL BE ABLE TO ASSERT THEMSELVES WITHOUT HESITATION.
CONFUSION IS HAPPINESS!

OUR EMANCIPATION ORGANIZATION, SICKS
SHALL HENCEFORTH FLOOD TOKOFUSHI TOWN WITH DISEASE DEMONS, UNDER THE BASIS OF LOVE AND SALVATION OF THE HEART...!
IN THE SHORT TIME I'VE BEEN GONE, IT SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME QUITE A BORING TOWN.
EVEN RESURRECTION WOULD BE EASY WITH THE POWER OF THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERED TALENTED IN ALL ASPECTS.

THERE IS ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME.
MANIA.
WHAT IS IT?
THE RUMORED BEAUTY PARLOR WE WENT TO AT NOON...
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE WOMAN LIVED BY HERSELF... COULD IT BE, PERHAPS...
THERE MIGHT BE OTHERS?
I SEE... I'LL HAVE TO KEEP THAT IN MIND...
AH!
THAT'S RIGHT... I DIDN'T TELL YOU BUT ON MY WAY HERE, I MET A MAN THAT WORRIES ME.
HE'S A KAKARITO NAMED HADESU ITSUHITO.
JUST TO BE SURE, I EXTRACTED A THORN BUT BE CAREFUL.
YOU USED OBLIVION?
NASTY! YOUR DISEASE DEMON IS THE ONLY ONE I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT WANT TO EAT.
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT.
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT...
I EXTRACTED ONLY THE MEMORY OF THAT CLICHED ABILITY...
...
WHAT ARE THEIR INTENTIONS? AND WHAT ABOUT HADES-SENSEI...?

〈群馬県　森村さん〉

「え、ええと…その… まだですけど…。」

「しかし、三途川センセーも意地がワリーよな〜、
スッゲー金持ちなんだし、いい加減
勘弁してやりゃあいいのによ。」

「いや、僕ももう大人だからね。
お金の責任はきちんととらないと。それに、
三途川先生だって意地悪ばかりじゃないよ。
返済のために高給の仕事を用意してくれたり…。」

〈秋田県　柳谷茉利さん〉

「へー、たとえば？」

「この間は食い倒れ人形の格好をして町内を一周するだけで、
なんと１万円返済したことにしてくれたんだよ！ 太っ腹だよね。
なんだかんだ言っても、三途川先生って優しいんだよ。」

「(お、おもちゃにされている…。)」

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